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SOUTH CHINA TRADING CORPORATION BUYS MINERALS;
PAPER IMPORTS TO BE ALLOWED

TUNGSTEN, MANGANESE, MOLYBDENUM FOR EXPORT -- Wen-hui Pao, 9 Feb 50

Kuang-chou, 8 February -- The Mineral Export Department of the South China Trading Corporation has announced prices at which it will purchase minerals and eight kinds of other native products for export. A number of producers have approached the department for conditions of purchase, particularly with regard to tungsten, antimony, tin, manganese, turpentine, etc. In addition to the above-named items the department will buy bismuth, molybdenum, zinc, lead, pelts, bristles, down feathers, cowhides, native materia medica, cinnamon bark, fennel, gypsum, green hemp, white hemp, casings, straw matting, bamboo, and raw silk.

The department will make contracts with both public and private producers of these goods.

TRADE OFFICE RELAXES PAPER IMPORT CONTROLS -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 4 Feb 50

The South China Trade Office has announced relaxation of controls on the import of seven different kinds of foreign paper, as of 1 February. Included are white and colored bond paper, sized paper, wax paper, and various kinds of wrapping and ornamental paper. The paper merchants of the city are considerably encouraged by this development, since it represents a response of the authorities to the requests of the traders. The announcement, however, specifies that no shipments may be made to East China. North China and Central China are legitimate markets.

SHAN-T'OU FOREIGN TRADE RISING -- Wen-hui Pao, 5 Feb 50

Reports from Shan-t'ou indicate that the import and export trade of that port are on the increase. The main exports are silk thread, eggs, sugar, fresh and dried fruits, fresh vegetables, rape seed, sesame, live hogs, raw oil, coarse ceramics, marine products, and locally made paper.

The chief imports are cotton thread; fertilizers; metals; communications, industrial, and electrical equipment; industrial raw materials; and chemical goods.

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Trade through Shan-t'ou to and from Kuang-chou, Fukien, Kiangsi, and Shang-hai, by interior water routes, is being restored. Shan-t'ou exports during the middle 10 days of January showed an increase of more than three times those for the first 10 days of the month.

NORTH CHINA EGG EXPORTS UP -- Wen-hui Pao, 8 Feb 50

Customs statistics for the port of T'ien-ching, for 1949, reveal that 2,626.4 metric tons of eggs and egg products left the country through that port during the year. Of this amount, 54.33 percent was handled by the state-owned North China Egg Products Corporation. The rest of the business was handled by 23 other companies.

EAST CHINA EXPORTERS WELCOME FLOOR UNDER EXPORT PRICES -- Wen-hui Pao, 9 Feb 50

East China exporters have expressed appreciation of the price floor placed under five general classes of goods, namely tung oil, pelts, down feathers, casings, and textiles by the East China Foreign Trade Bureau.

The exporters say that there is already evidence that the program has resulted in better prices for some lines, and in all cases it will prevent price wars and increase the confidence of foreign buyers in the ability of Chinese exporters to carry out their contracts.

EAST CHINA LIFTS FOREIGN PAPER IMPORT BAN -- Wen-hui Pao, 8 Feb 50

A report, dated 1 January, from Shang-hai indicates that the East China Foreign Trade Bureau has lifted the embargo on foreign paper, except cigarette paper and paper for copper engraving prints. For the latter there seems to be a suitable domestic substitute.

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